

# Memorandum



**Date:** January 25, 2007

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)(C)

**Subject:** Establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund to accept donations for wildlife conservation and research activities; and waive Administrative Order 3-38 governing procurement procedures for the expenditure of such funds.

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of Miami Metrozoo's mission, and as a requirement of accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), there is an institutional commitment to wildlife conservation and research. The establishment of a specific Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund will encourage donations to help Miami Metrozoo fulfill that mission. While the Zoological Society has accepted donations in the past, Metrozoo has an opportunity through the support of its new food and gift shop concessionaire, Service Systems Associates, and the capabilities of its new ticketing system to request donations through its Point Of Sale outlets. Other zoos are successful using this technique to raise funds to support their wildlife conservation efforts.

Miami Metrozoo will use the donated funds to support both in-situ (in the wild) and ex-situ (in a captive setting) wildlife conservation and research activities with endangered species or species of special concern. A waiver of Administrative Order 3-38 governing purchasing procedures is requested to allow Miami Metrozoo to expend the funds in support of individual researchers and organizations working with endangered species or species of special concern. To qualify for support from Metrozoo, individual researchers must have at least one recommendation from an AZA or WAZA (World Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accredited institution, and organizations must receive at least one recommendation from AZA or WAZA representatives. Individual researchers or organizations may contact Miami Metrozoo or be referred by AZA or WAZA representatives for funding. Disbursements from the fund would be made annually or semi-annually depending on funding availability by recommendation of the Miami Metrozoo Director and approval by the Park and Recreation Department Director. Expenditures and revenues to the Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund will be monitored monthly, consistent with the current monthly reporting process for existing trust funds by the Park and Recreation Department's Finance Division.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Muñoz", written over a horizontal line.

Alex Muñoz,  
Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 25, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)(C)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☒ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)(C)

01-25-07

RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE MIAMI METROZOO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO BE USED  
FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH;  
AND AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-38 FOR EXPENDITURE OF  
SUCH FUNDS

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the  
accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; that this Board hereby  
approves the establishment of the Miami Metrozoo Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund for  
wildlife conservation and research and finds it is in the best interest of the County to  
waive the requirements of Administrative Order 3-38 for expenditure of such funds.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. DDC

Diamela del Castillo